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the Soviet Union is attaching much greater importance to the current four power talks in Paris. The assignment of Gromyko and the methods employed by him indicate that Soviet policy may be significantly affected by developments. the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting will take place and the Russians will continue their present line in order to ascertain the intentions of the West and their potential effect on Soviet policy. The result may be that the Soviet Union will consider the possibility of war has increased and will therefore decide to step up preparations in order to retain their present advantage.

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